



September 10, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Craig Gray. Mr. Gray is a current participant in Sculpt Siouxland, an annual competitive exhibition of large-scale outdoor sculptures in downtown Sioux City, Iowa. The project is overseen by the Sioux City Art Center, with primary responsibilities for managing the project residing with me.

The selection committee for this year's Sculpt Siouxland was delighted by Mr. Gray's submission of *Slices of Heaven*, though concerns were raised about the ability of the sculpture to withstand all four seasons of northwestern Iowa's weather. However, among our selection committee members were an architect and a contractor/builder, both of whom could describe the durability of the sculpture's materials. After a discussion with Mr. Gray to verify this, we finalized the selection of his sculpture.

We have placed *Slices of Heaven* in our most prominent position to take advantage of its verticality and bright colors. I have heard nothing but very positive remarks about its presence in the downtown. Surprisingly, Mr. Gray is able to install the 9-foot tall sculpture without assistance, and he was pleasant and professional while we worked with him to decide the precise positioning of the sculpture.

I have had a positive experience working with Mr. Gray and am happy to endorse his submission for your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Behrens".

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